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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM REFINING IN THE CARIBBEAN

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1. LAGO REFINERY (CAPACITY 491,000 B/D IN 1972 AND NOW)
EXPORTED 143,012,712 BBLS. IN 1972 OF WHICH 105,619,735
WERE TO U.S. ADDITIONAL 10,544,352 BBLS. TO PUERTO RICO
AND VIRGIN ISLANDS. LAGO IMPORTS WERE 372,692,346 BBLS.
FROM VENEZUELA, 355,828 FROM NIGERIA AND 572,608 FROM ALGERIA.
BREAKDOWN OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FOR 1972
BY CATEGORY AND COUNTRY FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. SHELL CURACAO (CAPACITY APP. 500,000 B/D IN 1972 AND
NOW) IMPORTS FOR 1972 TOTALLED 16,430,693,784 KGS. FROM
THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

GABON	458,929,643
NIGERIA	3,380,072,212
BRAZIL	339,721,269
VENEZUELA	12,220,086,987
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	31,883,673

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EXPORTS WERE 15,434,394,088 KGS. INCULUDING GAS EXPORTS

OF WHICH 8,473,855,929 KGS. WERE FUEL OIL; 6,480,682,053
KGS. OF FUEL OIL WERE REPORTED SHIPPED TO THE U.S.

3. LAGO DATA AVAILABLE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 9-15 WILL BE
SUBMITTED BY AIR POUCH TOGETHER WITH 1972 FIGURES FOR
LAGO AND SHELL. CONGEN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN LATEST WEEK
FIGURES FROM SHELL.

4. LAGO STATES REFINERY OUTPUT CHANGED BY DISCONTINUING
CATALYTIC CRACKING OPERATION SHIFTING OUTPUT MIX FROM GASOLINE
TO LOW SULFUR FUEL BY APPROXIMATELY 5 PER CENT REFINERY THROUGH-
PUT. SHELL RECENTLY TOLD CONGEN THAT THEY WERE SHIFTING
OUTPUT TO LESS FUEL OIL, MORE GASOLINE DUE HIGHER PRICE OF
LATTER.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO CONGEN ON
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